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Comments on Your Memorandum of 27 July 1967  
to [redacted] no subject

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1. Your memorandum and the manner of its handling raise several problems which I want to call to your attention.

2. First, I assume that the memorandum purports to reflect only the OER position, but the first paragraph suggests that it may be speaking for both OER and OCI. The fundamental point is that the DD/I takes a very dim view of the DD/P dealing with individual DD/I offices on matters of this kind. Your memorandum should have been forwarded through [redacted] for the preparation of a single DD/I position; alternatively, a joint OER-OCI paper could have been prepared and forwarded through [redacted]. Subsidiary but not unimportant questions fall out of these points: with whom in OER was the memorandum coordinated? why is no copy being sent to [redacted] Why were copies not sent to [redacted]

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3. The memorandum in my view is not well written and at some points not clear, e.g., Paragraph 2 states

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[redacted] (Parenthetically, you note that a complete evaluation is not possible by "the DD/I." Are you now also speaking for OCI and OSR?) As another example, Paragraph 7 states that the 16 November OER-OCI memorandum which you are updating is "apparently" still valid in its general conclusions. I should have thought it part of

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your job to tell the recipients precisely to what extent the earlier memorandum still is or is not valid, without resorting to the word "apparently." Alternatively, you might have explained what you meant by "apparently."

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[REDACTED] This exercise should be handled as a joint OER-OCI affair, a DD/I position should be prepared, and any correspondence to the DD/P or elsewhere should be forwarded through this office and IRS.

5. Would you please consult with [REDACTED] and OCI on your present memorandum and see what steps can now be taken to develop a combined DD/I position for the DD/P.

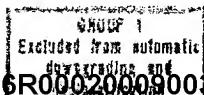
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